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In re application of:

Takanori Nishio et al.

Application No.: 10/717,341

Filed: November 18, 2003

For: OPERATION METHOD OF  
STORAGE AND STORAGE AND  
REMOTE STORAGE USED THEREIN

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8188

Examiner: Midys Inoa

Technology Center/Art Unit: 2188

AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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